



U.S. Mission, Cotonou

Vacancy Announcement Number: 2016-08

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources

The "Open To" category listed above refers to applicants who are eligible to apply for this position. The "Open To" category should not be confused with a "hiring preference" which is explained later in this vacancy announcement.

POSITION: Webmaster/Graphic Layout Artist/Photographer

OPENING DATE: April 21, 2016

CLOSING DATE: May 5, 2016

WORK HOURS: Full Time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN-07-
CFA 7,022,842 to CFA12,567,262 p.a.
Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-07
AEFM, FP-07*: \$41,206 to 60,512 p.a.
USEFM, FP-7*: \$35,364 to \$51,933 p.a.
*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington

The U.S. Mission in Cotonou is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of **Webmaster/Graphic Layout Artist/Photographer** in the embassy's Public Diplomacy Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent serves as the Mission Webmaster for the public access web page, the official photographer for the Embassy and the Arts and Graphics Technician for Public Affairs Section (PAS) publications. S/he maintains and updates the Embassy website on a daily basis and performs other functions to support Public Affairs activities including taking photographs at Embassy events and designing graphic for PAS flyers, announcements and newsletter.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

- a) **Education:** Bachelor's degree (Licence) or equivalent in Arts, Computer Science, Photography, Counseling, Education, Law, Business, Philosophy, Languages, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Journalism or Diplomacy is required.
- b) **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum of one year of experience is required in a position with responsibilities of social media, traditional media, computer programming, Internet and website management, electronic communications, photography, or computerized audio visual techniques.
- c) **Language Proficiency:**
Level IV (Fluent) speaking, reading and writing of English is required.
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- d) **Skills and Abilities:** Ability to type, computer literacy, including but not limited to knowledge of word-processing, HTML, e-mail, and web page maintenance are required. Must have strong English writing skills, be able to translate newspaper articles and other media. Ability to work with website programming languages (such as HTML). Creativity is necessary in order to design an attractive website; design exhibits; and event invitations, flyers, programs are required. Ability to take good photographs.
These will be tested.
- e) **Knowledge:** Excellent knowledge of Internet and electronic communications issues, databases and webpage design. Good knowledge of public affairs techniques. Good fundamental knowledge of electronic communication and computer applications in order to assist with Digital video Conferences and webchats, as well as posting of podcasts. Working knowledge of photography, videography, as well as knowledge of how to operate audio visual equipment. **These will be tested.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office at HROCotonou@state.gov or 229 21 30 06 50, Ext. 7898/7842.

HIRING PREFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran *
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP**

* **IMPORTANT:** Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of the most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and, if applicable, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If claiming conditional eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference, applicants must submit proof of conditional eligibility. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veterans' preference will not be considered in the application process. Mission HR's decision on eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference after reviewing all required documentation is final.

** This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management may consider any of the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. Candidates who are EFM, USEFM, AEFM, or MOH must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered. Failure to do so may result in the determination that the applicant is not qualified

1. Cover letter
2. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174)
http://photos.state.gov/libraries/benin/19452/pdfs/DS174_APPLICATION_FOR_EMPLOYMENT_FORM.doc ; plus
3. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)

WHERE TO APPLY

Application packages containing all the information listed in items “1” through “3” above can be scanned into pdf format **and sent as a single file to the following E-mail address**. Files should not exceed 10 MB or they may be rejected by the embassy’s server. Paper applications mailed to the embassy will not be accepted for this vacancy announcement.

Management Officer
United States Mission Cotonou
E-mail: hrocotonou@state.gov

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: May 5, 2016 at 17:30

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix (DEFINITIONS)

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad **and**

- Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad and is under Chief of Mission authority; **or**
- Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad **and**
- Does **NOT** currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies or joins a sponsoring employee, i.e., sponsor is a direct hire employee under Chief of Mission authority, either Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission. A MOH is an individual who meets the following criteria:

- (1) Not an EFM and therefore not on the travel orders or approved through form OF-126 Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report of the sponsoring employee; and
- (2) Officially declared by the sponsoring U.S. Government employee to the Chief of Mission (COM) as part of his or her household and approved by the COM; and
- (3) Is a parent, grandparent, grandchild, unmarried partner, adult child, foreign born child in the process of being adopted, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister who falls outside the

Department's current definition of Eligible Family Member 14 FAM 511.3. A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.